PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Electronics have had preliminary discussions with some foreign companies. This is an ongoing exercise in pursuance of the new Industrial & Trade policies of the Government. The Department have also circulated a list of the leading companies in electronics to the various state Governments with a suggestion that the State Government may contact them and attarct them to invest in their States.

Processing of fruits and vegetables

482. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of fruits and vegetables being processed in the country is very low as compared to other neighbouring countries of the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have explored the export prospect of these items; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) APEDA under Ministry of Commerce has formulated a scheme for increasing the export of processed foods.

Cold storage facilities ot airports

483. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to set up cold storage facilities at the airports in the country to facilitate export of freshfruits and vegetables etc. and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The scheme is intended to be implemented through Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) who have already got a study done on requirements of infrastructural facilities at airports with respect to export of perishables.

बीयर निर्माण के लिये लाइसेंस

484. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल में सरकार ने बीयर का निर्माण करने वाली 110 फैक्ट्रियों को लाइसेंस जारी किये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या अरब देशों में के बीयर की तेज मांग को देखते हुए निर्माण एककों द्वारा इसके निर्यात किये जाने संबंध में कुछ शर्तें रखी गई हैं ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार इस उत्पाद की निर्यात संभावनाओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए बीयर के निर्माण के लिये और लाइसेंस जारी करने का विचार रखती है ?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) और (ख) हाल में, सरकार ने बीयर तैयार करने के लिए केवल छः आशय-पत्र जारी किये हैं जिनमें से चार अनिवासी भारतीयों को और दो भारतीय निवासियों को जारी किये हैं।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) बीयर तैयार करने के लिए आशय-पत्रों की मंजूरी हेतु प्राप्त आवेदन- पत्र सरकार के विचाराधीन हैं।

Development of food processing units in Andhra Pradesh.

485. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any potential to develop food processing units in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken to exploit the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) While no comprehensive study hae been conducted to evaluate the total potential of setting up of food processing industries in Andhra Pradesh, the Andhra Pradesh Government has got a study conducted for setting up of fruit and vegetable processing units in the state. In addition to the above, various raw material resources in the State and other factors indicate that besides the fruit and vegetable processing units there is potential for setting up of units for processing cereals, fish, buffalo, meat, pork and poultry processing also.

(c) This Ministry is implementing various developmental Plan schemes for assistance for exploiting the potential for setting up food processing units. State Governments and the Agencies are to formulate proposals for seeking such assistance. During 1991-92 assistance have been provided for infrastructure development for mushroom processing in A.P. This Ministry is also assisting a poultry processing plant being set up by Andhra Pradesh Meat & Poultry Development Corporation in Hyderabad.

Rehabilitation of sick deep sea fishing industry

486. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to offer easier terms for rehabilitation of sick units in deep sea fishing industry in 1992; and

(b) what coordination has taken place in this regard with the shiping Credit and investment Corporation of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) In 1992 no additional steps to offer easier terms to the sick units in deep sea fishing industry have been taken other than the schemes of rehabilitation prepared in consultation with the industry and announced by SCICI in April, 1991.